

Foggy Bottom News

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Citizens Win: Federal Court Affirms District's Right to Regulate Universities

By Guy Gwynne, Board Member
D.C. Federation of Citizens Associations

In a case of profound importance to the District government and D.C. residential communities, a federal judge on April 12 affirmed the constitutionality of the District's zoning regulations concerning universities. The specific case involved George Washington University, its proposed 2000-2010 campus plan and, indirectly, the ongoing worst case of freewheeling negative community impact by an institution in the city.

Having failed to secure total approval by the D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment of an ambitious 10-year campus plan projection, the university sued the city and some of its officers, claiming to be exempt from city regulation on constitutional grounds. Had this line of reasoning prevailed, the city basically would have (1) no control over its numerous large and impacting universities, as they exist within the larger community, (2) had its regulatory responsibilities severely compromised, and (3) had its taxbase communities around universities, already suffering from negative impact, left open even further to encroachment.

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The court decision affirmed that the District of Columbia has the right to regulate the land use of universities, including the BZA's capability to set an overall limit on the number of students. (An overall GWU cap of 20,000 students has been reinforced by the decision.) By normal inference, the BZA also can mandate that a certain percentage of students be housed within campus boundaries. Evenhandedly, however, the court ruled against a BZA requirement that 70% of undergraduates must be housed within campus boundaries by a certain time, since it saw "no reason to anticipate that GW will not honor its commitment to construct, well before the expiration of the campus plan, additional on-campus dormitories . . . to meet the Board's requirement."

GW Disputed City's Right to Regulate

The George Washington University is the first of the District's numerous colleges to dispute the city's right or duty to regulate large institutions. Georgetown University has filed a pending law-

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Update

FB Mourns Loss of CHW

The closure of Columbia Hospital for Women is a sad loss for the Foggy Bottom/West End area. Located here since 1870, it may be our oldest institution, and it will be missed. We share the sorrow of its employees and its thousands of former patients.

ANC/Neighbors Oppose Sidewalk Cafe

At a special meeting in early May, ANC-2A voted to oppose an application for a sidewalk cafe in the front of the River Inn on 25th Street. A large number of nearby residents attended the meeting and agreed that such a cafe would be noisy and most disruptive to nearby homes, the nearest being no more than two or three feet away.

The application was submitted by Conrad Cafritz of Alamac, Inc., the owner of the hotel, and proposes ten tables with 30 chairs, 5' wide umbrellas, and a large awning 5' by 40'. The current 9' wide landscaping in front of the hotel would be replaced by a narrow planting box.

The resolution pointed out that the ANC has traditionally supported outdoor cafes in commercial areas, such as the outdoor seating at the Melrose and Marcel's on Pennsylvania Avenue. But this proposed cafe would be in a strictly residential area, and is considered most inappropriate by the hotel's neighbors. The Foggy Bottom Assocciation

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Zoning Commission Declines ANC Amenity Package

At an April 27 meeting, the Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission proposed an amenity package for GW's 1957 E Street project "should the [Zoning] Commission, despite all the evidence to the contrary, grant GWU's application in this case."

However, at a hearing on May 13, the Zoning Commission declined to consider the ANC's proposal, due to its lateness and because it had not been negotiated with GW. The Commission then accepted the amenity package offered earlier by GW, including a grant for a feeding program for needy residents of Foggy Bottom. The Zoning Commission chair, Carol Mitten, also pointed out the shortcomings and nonenforceability of the provisions of the original planned unit development, seeming to declare moot the ANC's claims that GW had violated these conditions.

Included in the proposed package was a requirement for GW to "contribute $400,000 per year over the next five years . . . to the Foggy Bottom Association (FBA), to be used exclusively as a community defense fund to protect and enhance the non-University residential community." The resolution cited the FBA's 501(C) 3 status, and called it "the principal community/civic association in ANC-2A. . . ."

FBA President Jacqueline Lemire wrote ANC Chair Elizabeth Elliott supporting the proposal, citing FBA's "organizational structure and proven financial capability, along with our many years of experience in working on a myriad of issues. . . ." Examples of uses to be made of the fund mentioned were "expert consultants, such as lawyers, traffic engineers, historic preservationists, et al. . . ."

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FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION

MEETING

All Residents Welcome

Guest Speakers:

Carolyn Crouch
Washington Walks
and
Timothy Dennee
D.C. Historic Preservation Review Board

Monday, May 20, 2002
The Melrose Hotel
2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
7:30 p.m.

(Next meeting: Monday, June 24, 2002)

Actions and Efforts

H Street Parking Signs

The GM of the Doubletree Hotel on New Hampshire Avenue, Robert Oursler, noticed that nearby street signs displayed conflicting information. Some signs on the north side of H Street between New Hampshire and 24th Street read "No Parking" and others read "2 hours with zone permit." He asked his engineer, Calvin Mickens, to look into the matter. After a number of calls to Parking Enforcement, the problem was taken care of within a week or two. Bob Oursler notes that anyone receiving a ticket in April might want to appeal it.

23rd Street Traffic Pattern to be Altered

Some months ago Ellie Becker met with DDOT officials and suggested a change in the traffic patterns near 23rd & L Streets, N.W. ANC-2A members agreed, and have asked DDOT to make several changes.

(1) Traffic moving south along 23rd Street and intending to turn east onto L Street should do so from the easternmost lane of 23rd Street. That change has already been made with the installation of street signs indicating that cars turning east should be in the easternmost lane at that point.

(2) Other traffic continuing south beyond L Street toward the Circle should travel in the two western lanes. However, in non-rush hours, one of these lanes is currently reserved for parking. The recommendation is that non-rush hour parking on 23rd Street between L Street and the Circle be moved from the west side to the east side of the block, resulting in two unencumbered lanes at all times.

Student Cleanup Rained Out

A Foggy Bottom cleanup, sponsored by several GW student groups, was the victim of heavy rains. About forty students and residents gathered and because of the rain pledged an hour of cleanup during the following week. After dividing into breakout groups, they discussed environmental issues and prepared statements to be sent to newspaper editors. One group said that "cleaning up our neighborhood . . . will be showing respect to everyone who lives here," and urged everyone to help clean up the area. "Every little bit helps and every 'litter' bit hurts."



Jeff Marootian and Rita Champagne join SA VP Alice Lingo for student cleanup.

Ed. Note: A cleanup needed is the mass of litter within the GW Hospital construction site. Construction leavings, fast food cartons, soft drink cups, huge pieces of plastic and other miscellaneous trash accumulate faster than they can be picked up, and are not attractive to the hundreds of daily passersby.

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FBA Elections Set for June 24

At the June meeting of the FBA, elections will be held for the following year, for the Association's officers and other Executive Board members. Jacqueline Lemire, the current FBA president, is chairing the Nominating Committee. Only members in good standing 30 days before the election are entitled to vote. (The FBA Bylaws require notice to the membership by mail or in the newspaper at least 15 days in advance.)

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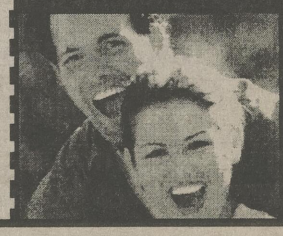
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To Those Who Helped This Year: Thank You, Thank You

Part I
Foggy Bottom News

There are a lot of people involved in getting this newspaper written, printed, and distributed, and because the News informs our neighborhood, they are true-blue neighbors indeed. **Rita Champagne** with her usual enthusiasm and energy took on the ad manager's position after the unexpected death of Olga Corey. Various writers contributed stories, such as **Michael Thomas, Elizabeth Elliott,** GW Student **Alice Lingo, Tom Bower, Claire Ciftci, Sheridan Strickland, Roz** and **Abe Freund, Marifran Langvardt, Doug Abbey, Michael Malloy, Jim** and **Kate McLeod, Rita Champagne, Monika Bernstein, Lucille Duprat,** and Ward 2 Councilmember **Jack Evans.** Thanks also go to all who sent press releases and notes on items of interest to the neighborhood; all made the editor's job easier.

Bud Gray at General Typographers on New York Avenue turns FBN copy into a most credible-looking newspaper, aided by at least several of his fellow employees. The actual printing is done in Sterling, Virginia, by Silver Communications owned by **Sterling Schiffman.**

Readers may not realize that this paper has a distribution of over 5000 copies, and it is dropped by car at over 50 locations, such as apartment buildings. It is then delivered by a faithful group of "carriers" who make sure it gets to virtually every house, retailer, public and residential building in Foggy Bottom.

The process begins with **Ilona Melstrads,** who produces corrected labels and delivery instructions each month; **Catherine Braun, Norrene Vogt, Thalia Johnson** and **Rita Champagne** have been there to label, count and tie in preparation for the delivery around the neighborhood. Those participating in that segment are **Ralph Burr, Ed Gable,** Kennedy Center's **Mike Hackshaw**, and our most faithful "jumper," GW student **Zach Beyer.** None of this could happen without the use of delivery by the printer to and overnight storage of the paper at **St. Mary's Court.**

The next stage is handled by Newscarriers **Marifran Langvardt, Gail Raywid, Sandra Vonetes, Marie Kirby, Laetitia Combrinck, Chris Labas, Bill Hopkins, Mike Malloy, Kate Clinton, Jim McLeod, Karen Hamrick, Patrick Cody, Anne Charles, Dorothy Ohliger, Don Tobey, Janet Farbstein, Susan Lampton, Darrell Rumsey, Mel Maeda, Rich Pollin, Nori Uchida** and **Ann Mikulik. Jenny Lazowski** totes some papers around as well, in addition to handling the copies mailed to D.C. officials and FBA members living outside the delivery area (former residents, etc.).

FB History Highlights May Meeting

At the May meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association, the emphasis will be on the history of the Foggy Bottom area, and methods which can be used by residents to preserve its heritage. The meeting is set for Monday, May 20, at the Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, at 7:30 p.m.

Carolyn Crouch of Washington Walks, an organization which conducts historical tours of various Washington neighborhoods, will relate some of the facts she has gleaned from her research about our area. Her tours of Foggy Bottom are conducted on most Monday evenings at 5:30, starting at the Metro Mall (by the statue), conclude at the Kennedy Center, at a cost of $10. (Call 484-1565 for details and schedules.) The tour covers the changes which have taken place over the years in our area; it was one of the highlights of the FBA's 40th anniversary celebration in 1999.

Also on the program is Timothy Dennee of the Historic Preservation Review Board. The board is the city's panel which makes decisions on the historical significance of structures in the District and the need for their preservation from harm and demolition. Dennee's responsibilities at the Historic Preservation Review office include properties in Ward 2.

Jack Van Dop of the Federal Highway Administration will make a short presentation on plans to improve access to the Kennedy Center.

Father Rob Panke Chosen Vocations Director



Father Rob Panke, who has been Catholic chaplain at the Newman Center on F Street for two years, has been chosen by Washington's Cardinal McCarrick to be the archdiocesan Vocational Director. It will be his responsibility to encourage vocations to the priesthood among Catholic men in this archdiocese.

Father Panke, who resided and assisted at St. Stephen Martyr Church, came to the campus ministry in July 2000, following four years at St. Peter's Church in Olney, Maryland. He was ordained in 1996 after study at the North American College in Rome, the Pontifical University in Rome, and The Catholic University of America. He was raised in Scarsdale, New York.

His new assignment takes effect in June. As we go to press, his successor at the Newman Center has not been named, nor does Father Panke know where he will be in residence.

"Padre," as he is known to the students at the Center, is often heard to say how much he loves being a priest, perhaps one attribute recognized by the Cardinal in choosing him for the new post.

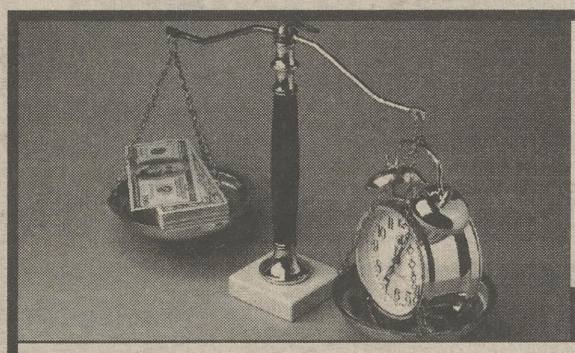
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Executive Board also filed a letter in opposition to the cafe.

The ANC also passed a resolution in support of a historic landmark application for the Grant School on G Street, current home of the School Without Walls.

"Super Dorm" Approved by Zoning Officials

The Zoning Commission has approved plans for GW's two dormitories on 23rd Street, one on Square 43 and the other across the street at the site of the Smith Center parking lot. The so-called "super dorm" will occupy most of the parcel between 23rd, 24th, G Street and Virginia Avenue, and is expected to house approximately 700 students. The other project is planned to house about 200 students, will be built in town-house style, and be used for "affinity" dorms for special groups.

Resident Donald Kreuzer, who owns three houses on Square 43, has accused the university of presenting a plan "as if I didn't exist," and of violating his privacy by adding windows overlooking his houses after promising there would be none on that side of the building. The News has learned that Kreuzer is planning to construct a building on his property.

The university wasted no time in preparing for construction, as work has already started on the Smith Center parcel.

Corp Counsel to Appeal Court Order

According to a press officer for the D.C. Corporation Counsel, that office has filed its intention to appeal the decision in the recent Federal court order on the campus plan. The intent to appeal is the first step in the process, and later documents will spell out which parts of the order are being disputed, according to Peter Lavalee, spokesman for the Corporation Counsel's office.

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St. Mary's Court Holds Senior Prom

By Margaret Pully

"What Dreams May Come" was the theme of the Third Annual Senior Prom held at St. Mary's Court in April. Members of the Sigma Kappa Sorority and Kappa Sigma Fraternity at GWU hosted an evening of music, dancing and fellowship for the Court's residents. They were escorted to the Prom through a garden trellis and then given a corsage as their pictures were taken. A student D.J. played favorite oldies and students and residents crowded the dance floor or enjoyed delicious refreshments and lively conversation.



King Edward and Queen Dorothy pose under the entrance trellis.

The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the Queen and King, Dorothy Steranko and Edward Abramic. As the evening ended all expressed their delight in having the students sponsor this event and invited them back for next year, looking forward to what dreams may come.



Delia Levandoski takes the floor with a Kappa Sig partner.

Memo to An Anonymous Caller

We received a call asking the FBNews to investigate a damaged sidewalk at some intersection on G Street. The caller did not leave his name or number, nor was his message clear enough to take care of.

To the caller I suggest he call 727-1000.

That is the Mayor's Call Center. The operators will take the complaint and give you a number. Write it down; wait a few weeks to see if the problem is taken care of. If not, call again and ask the operator to inquire again. It takes patience, but hang in there until you succeed.

WG Gallery Has June 7 Opening

An exhibit for James Schaefer, entitled "Loose in the Open Field," will be at the Watergate Gallery from June 7 to July 20. After growing up in the Washington area, the artist is currently living and teaching in Lawrence, Kansas. He has pursued his love of painting at Cornell University, the University of Kansas and recently was able to partake in a study program in Florence, Italy.

The artist will be present at the opening reception on June 7 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Gallery, located at 2552 Virginia Avenue. Call 338-4488 for further information.

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suit to dispute BZA findings regarding aspects of its own campus plan, including an enrollment cap. Other universities are doubtless watching the two cases closely. All D.C. universities are in the same (D.C.) Consortium of Universities and share common interests and, often, the same land-use law firms. It was imperative for our recovering city to win this crucial GWU case. Now that the city is finally getting a professional regulatory grip on its various components, it could scarcely afford to have loose-cannon status conferred on an important component—colleges and universities.

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The judge also dismissed university claims that the requirement for periodic campus plans and special-exception permission for specific projects places more rigorous—and therefore improper—requirements for university use. He added, "In order to prevail, GW must establish that the zoning regulations it challenges are unconstitutional in all circumstances. It has not done so." The judge also agreed with the District's claim that colleges and universities "possess unique characteristics" that justify different treatment.

Credit Due to FBA, ANC & Others

The Foggy Bottom Association and ANC 2-A worked long and hard on this case, so important to the neighborhood's continued existence. The Federation's Legal Aid Foundation kept close track of it as well, and [its] Impacted Communities Committee met as needed to compare and consult on campus plans city-wide—the GW case being the bellwether.

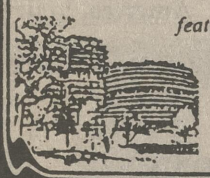
Most credit, however, goes to the Office of the Corporation Counsel, which assessed the importance of the contention, brought in a special lead attorney, prepared excellent briefs and defended the case in open court. Also commendable, and more basically so, was the D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment, which identified the important issues in this case and had the fortitude to resist the legalistic casuistry of a powerful, self-interested institution.

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Two other proposals called for GW to contribute $500,000 to the D.C. Downtown Cluster of Congregations for its outreach programs for the homeless in the ANC-2A community, and another $500,000 to the West End Library for new book purchases.

GW Alters Feeding Program Proposal

At about the same time, GWU altered an amenity package proposed earlier by the West End Citizens Association to locate a Sholl's cafeteria in the Hall on Virginia Avenue, and contribute $500,000 for a feeding program for "needy elderly and other low income residents of Foggy Bottom." The new proposal makes no mention of Sholl's, but indicates meals would be provided "at one or more food service venues in Foggy Bottom, such as venues in GW owned or leased facilities." The recipient of the funds would be the "Foggy Bottom Feeding Program Foundation," incorporated recently by several members of the West End Citizens Association. At the May hearing, the Zoning Commission made a point of prohibiting the use of any funds for salaries.

Board Members Challenge WECA Actions

The actions taken in this matter by representatives of the West End group have been challenged in writing by WECA Board Members Lucille Molinelli and Donald Kreuzer. (Mrs. Molinelli is also WECA Treasurer and her late husband was the longtime activist and WECA President Jimmy Molinelli.) Their letter to Zoning Commission Chair Carol Mitten charges that the WECA Board was not consulted, nor was there any public meeting of WECA members to discuss or vote on the proposal. The letter indicated that they disapprove of the agreement WECA made with GWU, and urged the group to "return to the community and work with the other citizens' organizations. . . ."

The details of the decision will be spelled out when its official order is published.

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America The Beautiful

By Chris Labas

A few months ago, my best friend Jim e-mailed me from California to let me know that after eight years in the Golden State he decided to move back home to Washington. So he asked me if I would like to drive across country via the southern route. Suspecting that this would be the only opportunity I would have to make this legendary trip, I told him I would.

I was a little anxious on the plane but the flight was as smooth as the single malt scotch in my small flask and I arrived drowsy (but happy) at LAX. We visited friends in Venice and Brentwood and after that went home to Jim's house in Hollywood at 1:00 a.m. (My California friends always insist that I turn my watch back the minute I arrive but I never do.) It was 4:00 a.m. my time and I fell right to sleep on his housemate's sofa.

We planned to leave Monday and spent Friday and the weekend going to a series of going-away parties and dinners in Hollywood and sightseeing. We drove along Mulholland Drive, saw the LaBrea tarpits and the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Rodeo Drive and beautiful Santa Monica. I insisted on seeing the famous Griffith Park Obsevatory which offered a beautiful yet smog-filled view of Los Angeles. My friends dutifully followed me around as I retraced the steps of James Dean and Sal Mineo in Rebel Without A Cause. (I'm a sucker for stuff like that and they obliged me albeit rolling their eyes in the jaded LA manner.)

Monday arrived and after some tearful good-byes we loaded Jim's cat and his bags into the car and began our transcontinental journey back home.

Color Over the Desert

Leaving LA was as emotionally satisfying as it was visually appealing. On our way to our first stop, Las Vegas, we passed through the Mojave Desert during a rather spectacular sunset. The experience was unexpectedly soothing as the light of the setting sun played games with color over the desert's soft rolling hills and scrub brush topography. But the temperature dropped with the sun below the horizon behind us and we found ourselves driving through a cold pitch black desert night.

Las Vegas announced itself during our approach even though we were several miles from the city. While still very far away, we could see its terrific million-watt display reflecting off the clouds. Now, I have seen Las Vegas in films and on TV but none of that could prepare me for the lucent spectacle when we finally reached the glittery downtown. We drove around for a while taking it all in before checking in and smuggling the cat up to our room at the Stardust Hotel. We went down to the casino and played the slots for a little while. Neither of us really being gamblers, we were in our beds early and off to the regular (and much dimmer) dreamland.

Hoover Dam Is Still Remarkable

The next day started early, as we planned to be in Albuquerque in the evening. Our route took us over the Hoover Dam and we were reminded of the omnipresent terrorist threat as we sat in a mini-traffic jam at a security check point near Lake Mead. It was still a remarkable sight to see this feat of American engineering constructed during another dark period of our country's history. To me it was as much a symbol of hope now as it was when it was first built.

After the Hoover Dam, we traveled through the Arizona desert. It was a bright, beautiful day and the desert appeared as a visual symphony. The leafless winter-brown foliage was the string section, the massive mountains were the French horns, their snow-capped peaks were flutes and the clouds harps. The sand carried the melody and all of the instruments played from movement to movement following the direction of their conductor, the sun. Even as I looked up from my notes to the landscape, I noticed changes in the color and "sound" of the desert. It was really quite beautiful. I now understand why so many people choose to live there.

It was our intention to visit the Grand Canyon but a mountain blizzard at 7400 feet changed our plans. (Oh, well,

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Sizzling Express Makes Plaza Home

It has been four months since the opening of the Sizzling Express restaurant in Columbia Plaza, and General Manager Young Oh is "very pleased" with the response of customers and neighbors—"so far everything is great." Mr. Oh and President C.W. Chon are the owners of this franchise, which has nine locations in the Washington area.

The restaurant does appear to be very popular, with an especially heavy luncheon crowd, both inside and at tables outside in the plaza now that the weather makes al fresco meals enjoyable. Inside there is an array of choices: 60 different salad makings, 27 hot food selections, plus sushi, pasta, pizza and hot and cold made-to-order sandwiches. The buffet selections are priced by the pound. Also served are soups, gourmet coffees and smoothies, as well as a well-stocked bar.

Both Mr. Chon and Mr. Oh have been colleagues for



C.W. Chon and Young Oh

more than 20 years; both were employed at a Chinese restaurant and deli at L'Enfant Plaza owned by Mr. Oh's parents.

Foggy Bottom Foods

This latest recipe comes from Carlos J. Delgado, General Manager of the Foggy Bottom Cafe on 25th Street.

Artichoke Dip
2 c. canned whole artichokes
1 c. parmesan cheese (grated)
1 T. chopped garlic
1 T. paprika
1/2 t. cayenne pepper
1 c. mayonnaise

Mix all the ingredients in a large bowl. Separate in individual portions (approx. 6) and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. It can be served with any kind of chips or round toast.

Foggy Bottom Folks

More honors have come to two gentlemen well known to Foggy Bottom residents. For the umpteenth year, **Tom Murphy** was among those cited by the Greater Capital Area Association of Realtors for number of real estate transactions during the past year. And the National Bar Association has presented its Presidential Award to **Jack Olender** who lives at the Watergate. The award recognized him for "leadership, legal excellence, and concern for human and civil rights."

They say that "Somebody has to do it," so **Ralph Burr** has consented, after some arm-twisting, to take on a temporary job during May and June. He will be teaching a class in political science at Hawaii Pacific University in Honolulu. It will involve classes three days a week for seven or eight weeks. Tough duty!

Joan Alper and **Bill Becker** are co-producers of Stephen Sondheim's "Into the Woods," starring Vanessa Williams, which opened on Broadway at the Broadhurst Theater on April 30. The revival has been nominated for nine Drama Desk Awards. They also produced "Urinetown," the hit new Broadway musical that opened just after 9/11 at the Henry Miller Theater on Broadway. It was also an award-winner, earning the 2002 Lucille Lortel Award for best off-Broadway musical. In addition, both were nominated for multiple Tony Awards in early May. Joan and Bill live on 26th Street; he was formerly the General Counsel of the Kennedy Center.

Yes, it's convenient, but just because it's there, FB friends, doesn't mean we want you to have to use its services.

Recent Sales of Foggy Bottom/West End Residential Properties

Address	Building Name	Unit	Sale Price	Description
1010 22nd Street			$855,000	4 BR/4 Bath
1155 23rd Street		3B	$605,000	1 BR/2 Bath
1230 23rd Street		704	$245,000	1 BR/1 Bath
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730 24th Street	Poto. Plaza Terraces	505	$179,000	1 BR/1 Bath
730 24th Street	Poto. Plaza Terraces	708	$85,000	Efficiency
1013 24th Street			$550,000	2 BR/2.5 Bath
828 25th Street			$439,000	2 BR/1.5 Bath
950 25th Street	Claridge House	1011	$235,000	2 BR/2 Bath
1010 25th Street	The Swarthmore	804	$155,000	1 BR/1 Bath
1116 25th Street		2	$345,000	2 BR/2 Bath
1124 25th Street		205	$369,000	2 BR/2.5 Bath
1124 25th Street		T4	$360,000	2 BR/2.5 Bath
1158 25th Street		1158	$385,000	2 BR/2.5 Bath
955 26th Street	The Griffin	311	$220,000	1 BR/1 Bath
955 26th Street	The Griffin	110	$289,000	1 BR/1 Bath
955 26th Street	The Griffin	509	$219,000	1 BR/1 Bath
955 26th Street	The Griffin	703	$159,000	Efficiency
2401 H Street	BonWit Plaza	312	$135,000	1 BR/1 Bath
2141 I Street		813	$73,000	Efficiency
2201 L Street	The Carriage House	403	$187,000	1 BR/1 Bath
2201 L Street	The Carriage House	511	$99,500	Efficiency
2114 N Street		45	$199,900	1 BR/1 Bath
2301 N Street		706	$434,000	2 BR/2 Bath
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700 NH Avenue	Watergate South		$625,000	2 BR/2.5 Bath
700 NH Avenue	Watergate South		$295,000	1 BR/1 Bath
700 NH Avenue	Watergate South		$495,000	1 BR/2 Bath
835 NH Avenue			$570,000	1 BR/2.5 Bath
2555 Pa. Avenue			$389,000	2 BR/1.5 Bath
2600 Pa. Avenue		4B	$625,000	2 BR/2 Bath
20 Snows Court			$225,000	1 BR/1 Bath
2475 Va. Avenue	Potomac Plaza	800	$279,000	1 BR/1 Bath
2500 Va. Avenue	Watergate East	716	$390,000	2 BR/1.5 Bath
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3 Wash. Circle		603	$215,000	1 BR/1 Bath
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Source: Metropolitan Regional Information Systems, Inc.
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Spending some time in GW Hospital in April were **Bob Charles** of 25th Street, and **Inez Pulver** of Eye Street. "Get wells" to both!!

A belated public thank you to **Mikey Aiken,** who graciously and promptly supplied the News with the information on taking classes at GW. He had no sooner been told about the years-old dilemma when a useful packet of info appeared, just in time to include it in the last issue. To repeat the essential info: FB seniors may take selected classes for $50, and if interested should contact Jason Miller, Director of Alumni Benefits and Services, at 994-3987.

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something to look forward to for another time.) The blizzard ended somewhere around Winslow, Arizona, where we stopped and got gas and took pictures of ourselves standing on a street corner—in honor of that old Eagles' song, "Take It Easy."

We entered Albuquerque on a windy but warm winter night, descending the mountain to a vast plain. There beneath us was Albuquerque, a vast nocturnal sodium-arc monument to sprawl (almost as spectacular as Vegas). We exited the freeway for the downtown and as we pulled up at the stoplight, Jim wondered why I was laughing. I pointed out a big piece of tumbleweed blowing by. Tumbleweed of all things! What a cliché (but perfect!)

The next morning we had breakfast at the Owl Cafe. The Owl started as a little watering hole that achieved fame after the proprietors started serving hamburgers with the beer at the request of the scientists and military personnel associated with the nuclear program in the 40's and 50's there. It's an upscale greasy spoon, if you will, with cheerful waitresses who never let us see the bottoms of our coffee cups and served us "all the bad things that are good for you."

Texas Has Ferber-Esque Landscape

The highway signs that announced we were approaching Texas stirred a sense of anticipation in me. When we finally crossed the border, both Jim and I let out a loud YEE-HAH. There were steak joints along the highway and the smell of roasting tenderloins, filets and burgers flew in through the open windows. Texas smelled like steak. Imagine that. Everything was big in Texas (another cliché, I know, but true nonetheless)—Cadillac SUV's, block-long houses. It offered a vast Edna Ferber-esque landscape that took hours to drive through. We passed ranches and cotton fields with balers working late into the afternoon. It reminded me of North Carolina—miles and years away from the middle of Texas.

We arrived in Dallas and got to explore that amazingly beautiful city the next day. From the beautiful homes in Highland Park to the stunning skyline, I found it clean, old yet modern, cultured yet filled with friendly down-home Texans respectful of its rich past. Dealy Plaza, the Texas school book depository and the grassy knoll still remain almost exactly as they were that fateful November day in 1963. In the museum, a display of the events of 14 April 1865, 7 December 1941, 22 November 1963 and 4 April 1968 shared the walls with those of 11 September 2001 in a poignant exhibit of terrorism on American soil. We stood there silently drying our eyes while trying to comprehend all of it.

Ah, Nouvelle Orleans

We spent the rest of the day driving through Texas and were excited to see the words "Bienvenue en Louisianne" when we reached the border. On our way to the Crescent City we experienced the smell of southerners smoking savory holiday hams as we zipped through parishes at 90 mph. We arrived late in the evening at our host Paul's house. He was an old friend of Jim's, with an authetic Cajun drawl and banana and orange trees in the yard. The humidity was stifling but I was glad to be staying in a house rather than a motel (or hotel for that matter). The house had ceiling fans—even on the sleeping porch where I slept like a baby in a hammock. The next day we got out into the city only to experience a nightmarish traffic jam and closed streets. It was the 60th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and there was a high celebration at the museum there.

Ah, Nouvelle Orleans, l'aissez les bons temps roulez! The Big Easy will always hold a special place in my heart. It was my second time there. Everyone is so nice, the food is indescribably sumptuous and with its shabby, ancient, magical, elegant vocabulary, it sang out to me like the Sirens, begging me never to leave.

Tennessee, Virginia & Home!

Next stop Nashville. We arrived in Nashville at 8:00 p.m. on the nose. Surprisingly, the streets of that town roll up very early, y'all. We spent the night in the hotel room and went out exploring the next day. It's a lot smaller than I thought it would be. We saw Ernest Tubb's record shop and the famous Ryman Auditorium, the home of the Grand Ol' Opry for many years, and even the Orchid Lounge. We could feel the presence of the ghosts of Patsy Kline and Hank Williams as we walked the sidewalks of that famous little strip. That was really all to there was to see in Nashville, except the curious architecture of the Bell South building. We left very early that day and sped through the hills and hollers of Tennessee on our way home. We crossed into Virginia and drove through the Shenandoah Valley as the cold afternoon turned into cold night. We finally reached Front Royal and Warrenton and sped down 66. My heart leapt up at the sight of my beloved Washington. I was happy to see the lights of the Capitol and the Monument. I directed Jimmy around the Pentagon to show him the destruction of 11 September. We came over the Memorial Bridge and I took him through Foggy Bottom past West End Place [my place of employment] on the way to Logan Circle. We were finally home.

I was glad to have made the trip. It helped to heal the shock and sadness of last fall. The people we met, the food we ate, the music we listened to and the splendid majestic topography of this great country all stood to reinforce that even though we are a culturally diverse nation, it's our love of freedom which unites us and makes us, all of us, American.

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Neighborhood Datebook

Monday, May 20: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, featuring two speakers on Foggy Bottom's historical heritage. **Timothy Dennee** of the Historic Preservation Review Board, and **Carolyn Crouch** of Washington Walks, will give two views of our unique neighborhood and its history. There will also be a short presentation by **Jack Van Dop** of the Federal Highway Administration concerning plans for improved access to the Kennedy Center. Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m.*

Wednesday, May 22: "Ovarian Cancer: Risk Factors, Early Detection, and Treatment Strategies," presented by **Jeffery Lin,** M.D., Associate Professor, and the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance. GW Hospital Auditorium, 901 23rd Street, N.W. Contact: 1-888-4GW-DOCS. 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 29: Concert, featuring the **Many Bobenrieth** ensemble, performing the music of Piazzola. IFC Auditorium, 2121 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (enter on K Street). Contact: 458-2884. 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 29: "Lung Cancer: New Options for Diagnosis and Treatment," presented by **Farid Gharagozloo,** M.D., Chief, Cardiothoracic Surgery, and **Byron Cooper,** M.D., Clinical Professor of Medicine. GWU Hospital Auditorium, 901 23rd Street, N.W. Contact: 1-888-4GW-DOCS. 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 29: "Art, Politics and Photojournalism," presented by **Sharon Farmer,** White House Photographer from 1993-2001 and currently with the Associated Press. In a slide-filled lecture, Ms. Farmer provides an insider's point of view about working for the Clinton White House. Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th Street, N.W. Contact: 639-1770. Corcoran Members $12; public, $16. 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 31: Concert of baroque instrumental music by **Modern Musick,** a new period-instrument chamber orchestra, featuring music by Purcell, Locke, Durante, and Vivaldi. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2430 K Street, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 7: Opening reception for exhibition of James Schaefer's work, set for Watergate Gallery, 2552 Virginia Avenue, N.W. 6:00-8:00 p.m. *

Tuesday, June 11: "Colorectal Cancer: Disease, Treatment, and Prevention," presented by **Bruce Orkin,** M.D., Director, Division of Colorectal Surgery. GWU Hospital Auditorium, 901 23rd Street, N.W. Contact: 1-888-4GW-DOCS. 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 12: "New Treatment for Enlarged Prostates," presented by **Michael Manyak,** M.D., Chair, Department of Urology. GWU Hospital Auditorium, 901 23rd Street, N.W. Contact: 1-888-4GW-DOCS. 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 12: "Think Ahead: Planning for Pregnancy," presented by **John Larsen,** M.D., Chair, Obstetrics and Gynecology, **Susanne Bathgate,** M.D., Assistant Professor, and **Nancy J. Clark,** B.S., IBCLC. Contact: 1-888-4GW-DOCS. 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 19: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2-A meeting. Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (tentative). Contact: 736-1775. 7:00 p.m.

Monday, June 24: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, featuring candidates for election in the primaries to be held in September (before the September FBA meeting). Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

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